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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This paper is in reply to an Office Action dated November 19, 2004. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully petition for a three month extension of time to file this response on or before May 19, 2005 and provides payment of the required fee for a 3 month extension of time in the accompanying transmittal.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the amendments and remarks made herein.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.